

RECORD OF DECISION

Date on which decision was taken: 13th May 2025

Name and title of decision-making officer: Emma Raine – Planner – Planning Policy & Infrastructure

Record of decision taken (including reasons):

North Muskham Parish Council submitted an application, under regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), to designate the Parish in its entirety as a 'Neighbourhood Area' for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning on the 27th of April 2024.

Accompanying the application is a statement explaining why the proposed Neighbourhood Area is an appropriate area- namely that the Neighbourhood Area is synonymous with North Muskham Parish, and that the Parish Council are the relevant body under Section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

Where a Parish Council applies for the whole Parish area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, then legislation requires this should form the extent of the proposed designation. For Neighbourhood Area applications made by a Parish Council and covering the whole of the Parish area there is no need to carry out consultation prior to its designation. Should the application be valid, and some or all of the area has not yet been designated, then the Neighbourhood Area must be subsequently designated. In the circumstances of a valid application, the District Council is required to designate a Neighbourhood Area, and therefore it is a decision taken by Officers.

The extent of the Neighbourhood Area is consistent with legislative provisions, and the application submitted is valid. It is therefore confirmed that North Muskham Parish (see attached plan) has been designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning. This means that the Parish Council can formally begin the plan making process.

Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected:

The application met legislative requirements, so this was not necessary.

Names of any Member of the Council who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision*

N/A

*Only applies where decision making officer is taking a decision under a specific express authorisation.